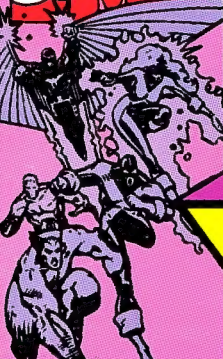


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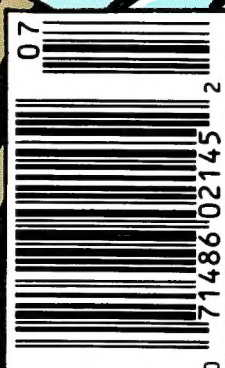
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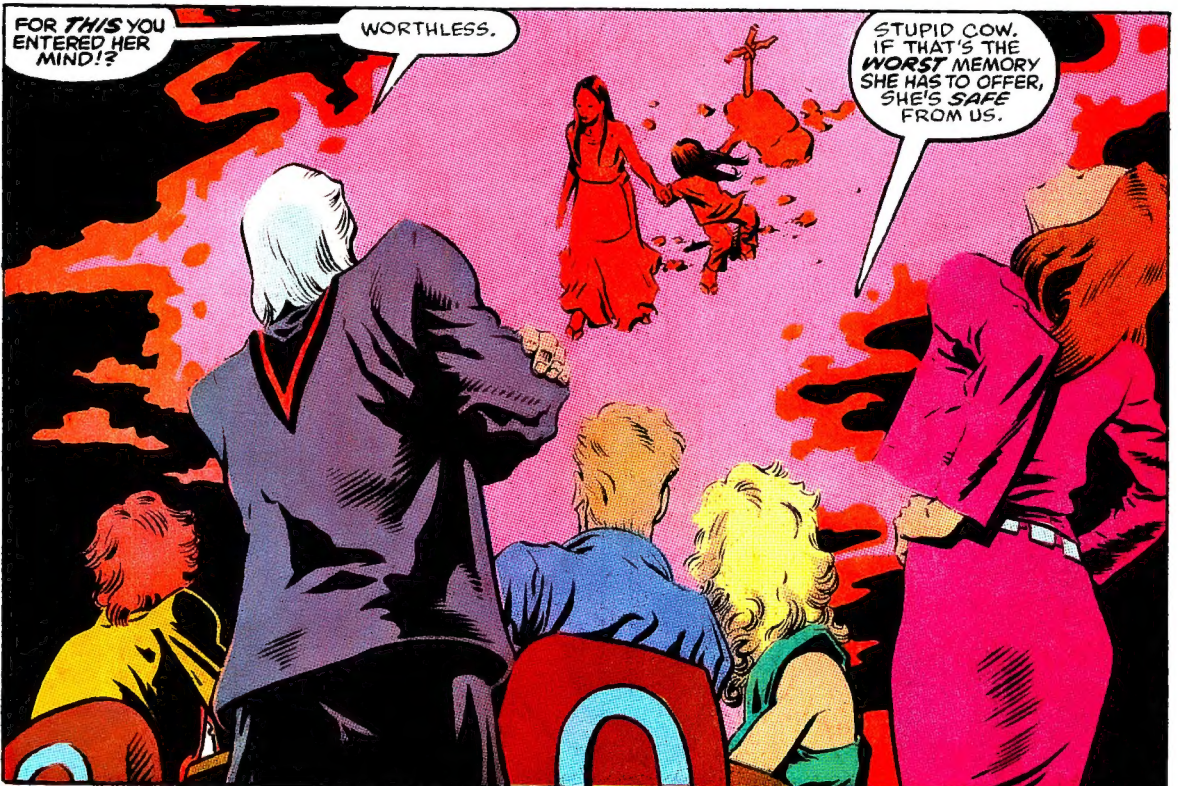
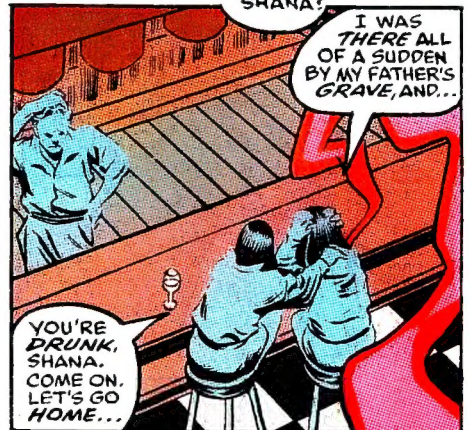
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COME THE
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SCARF/MILGROM



...AND
ANGEL...
WILL FLY
NO MORE!



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"IT'S OBVIOUS WHAT HAS HAPPENED, OF COURSE, THE SOBBING SECRETARY, THE SMIRKING RAVENS... AND THE MIST OF MEMORY, LINGERING LIKE SMOKE IN THE AIR.

STAN LEE PRESENTS

RAVENS

"THEY HAVE ORDERED DRINKS, BUT NONE ARE DRINKING. IT IS ALL A SHAM: OUR MEAT AND DRINK IS HUMAN MISERY.

CRIMSON.

"GIVE US, THIS DAY
OUR DAILY BREAD..."

FLASHY
WITCH.
SHE'LL MEAN
TROUBLE FOR
US YET.

"THERE ARE TWENTY-
FOUR OF US--FOUR
AND TWENTY BLACK-
BIRDS--SCATTERED
HERE AND THERE,
MOSTLY IN MAJOR
CITIES, RAVENOUS.
RAVENING.

"HERE IN NEW YORK,
ALONE, THERE ARE
SIX OF US. IT'S
FOOLISH. COURTING
DISCOVERY, BUT WE
FLOCK TOGETHER
ANYWAY.

"AS WE
FLOCK, SO
FLOCKS THE
WORLD."

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YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT I'VE FOUND. IT'S WONDERFUL.

"THEY'RE JEALOUS, OF COURSE. THEY HATE ME. BUT THEN, WE HATE EACH OTHER."

"HATRED BINDS US TOGETHER."

THEY'RE A WHOLE NEW TASTE SENSATION...
... MUTANTS.

MUTANTS? THOSE SUPER-POWERED HEROES WHO LIVE IN THAT BIG SHIP THAT DOMINATES THE SKYLINE?

YES, BUT I PLAN TO DOMINATE ONE OF THEM.

WHO?

ARCHANGEL.

THE CRAZY ONE? THE ONE TERRORIZING THE CITY?

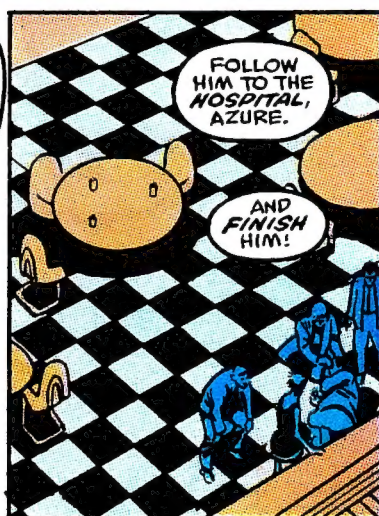
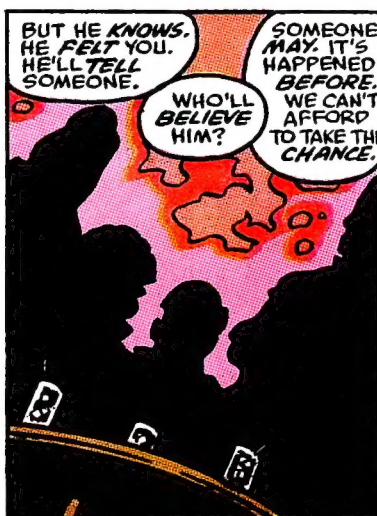
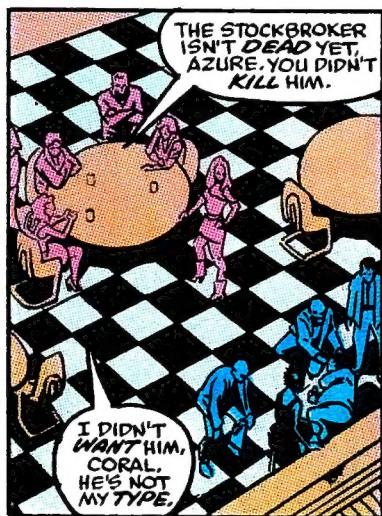
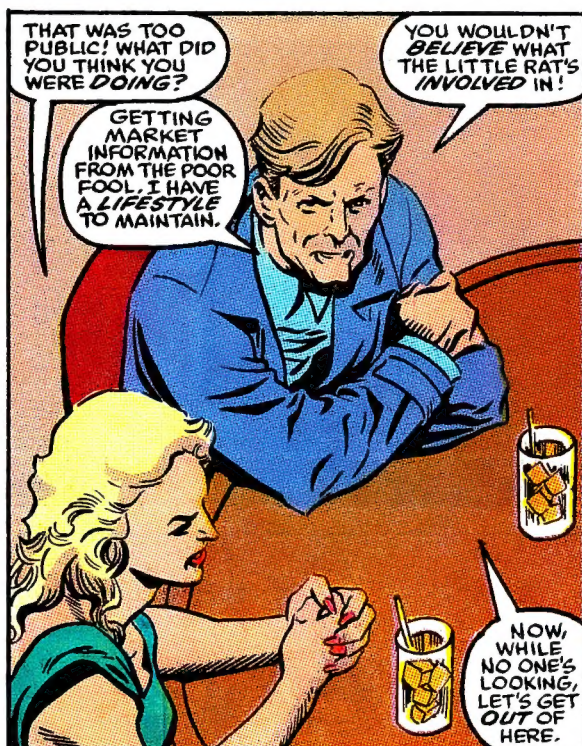
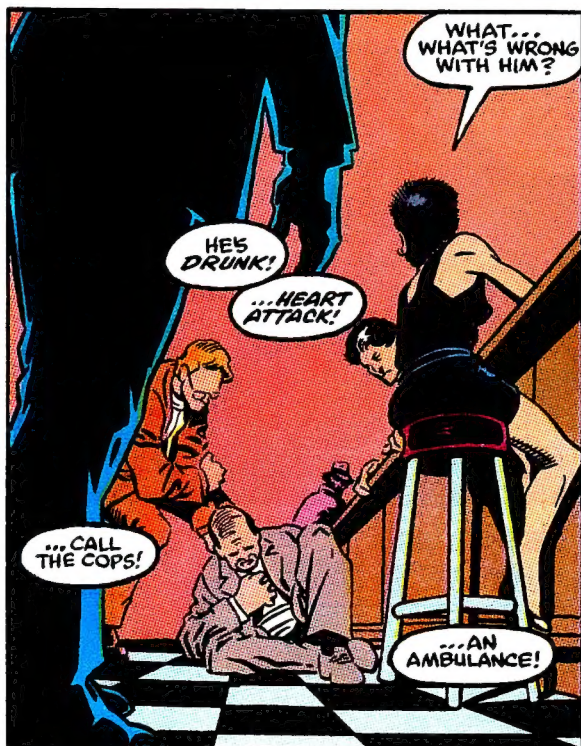
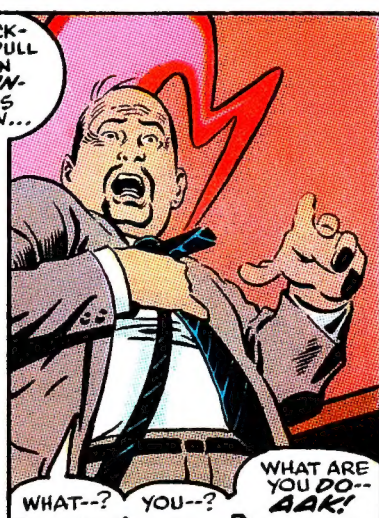
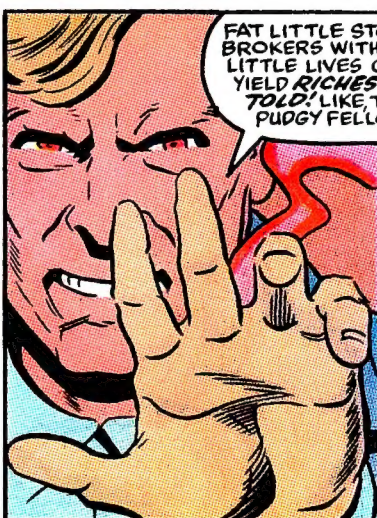
YOU SHOULD FEEL HIM, AZURE... HIS AURA... HIS PAIN... IT'S DELICIOUS, REALLY. HE SHINES LIKE A BEACON.

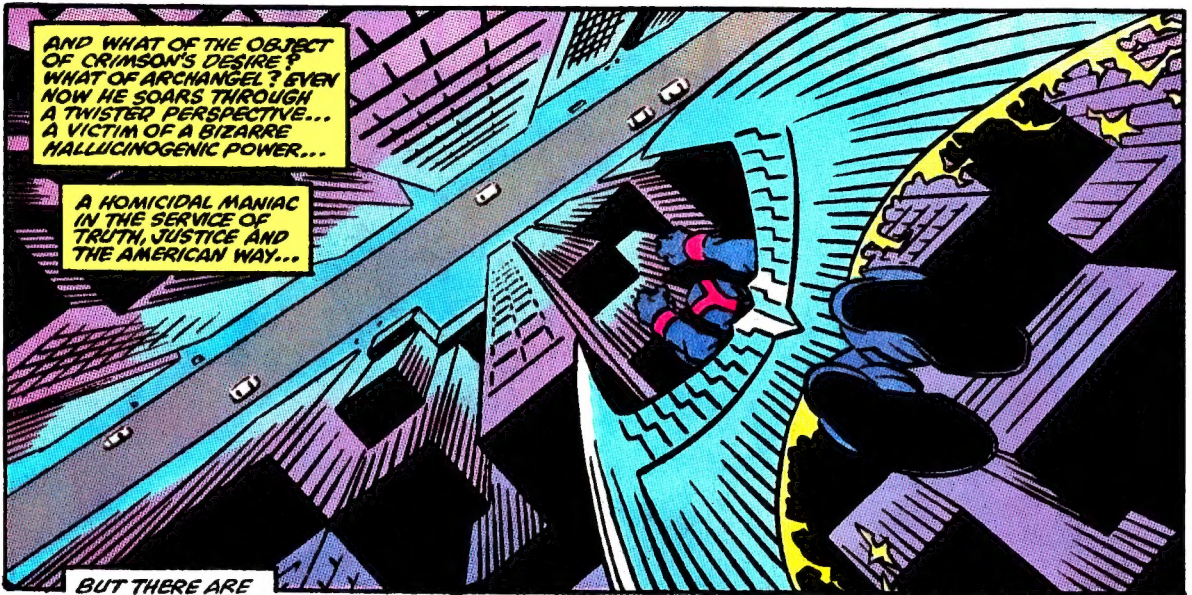
"IT'S A CHALLENGE, AZURE KNOWS IT. I KNOW IT. I WANT ARCHANGEL, AND HE WILL TRY TO TAKE HIM FROM ME."

"IT ADDS EXCITEMENT TO OUR LONG AND DEADLY LIVES."

BE CAREFUL, CRIMSON.

A TASTE FOR WARRIORS GETS INTO OUR BLOOD. IT COULD BE THE DEATH OF YOU... OF ALL OF US.

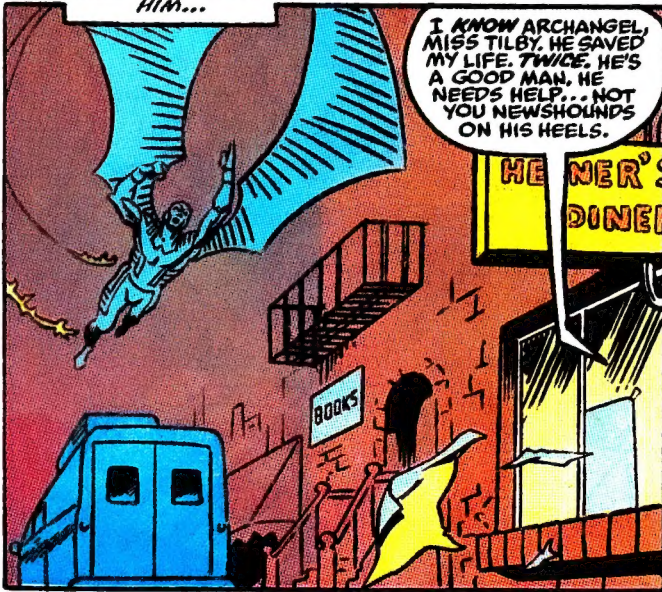




AND WHAT OF THE OBJECT OF CRIMSON'S DESIRE? WHAT OF ARCHANGEL? EVEN NOW HE SOARS THROUGH A TWISTED PERSPECTIVE... A VICTIM OF A BIZARRE HALLUCINOGENIC POWER...

A HOMICIDAL MANIAC IN THE SERVICE OF TRUTH, JUSTICE AND THE AMERICAN WAY...

BUT THERE ARE MANY WHO STALK HIM...



I KNOW ARCHANGEL, MISS TILBY. HE SAVED MY LIFE. TWICE. HE'S A GOOD MAN. HE NEEDS HELP... NOT YOU NEWSHOUNDS ON HIS HEELS.

HE NER'S DINE

BOOKS



HE'S TERROR-IZING THE CITY, OFFICER JONES, AND WHEN SOMEBODY DOES THAT, IT'S NEWS.

FOR GOOD OR ILL, WE'RE ASSIGNED TO FIND HIM, TO GET HIS STORY! NOT THAT WE'RE HAVING ANY MORE LUCK THAN ANYONE ELSE!

IF YOU DO FIND HIM, TRY TO GO EASY ON HIM, OKAY? IF HE'S TERROR-IZING ANYONE, IT'S MUGGERS AND PUSHERS!



HE WAS DRUGGED DURING A FIGHT. * I KNOW. I FOUND HIM. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHO HE IS... WHAT HE IS...

* WITH SABRETOOTH, X-F #52.



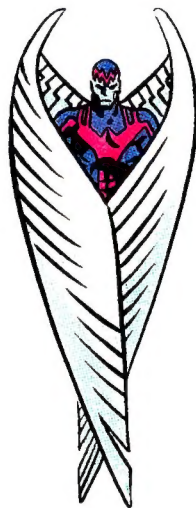
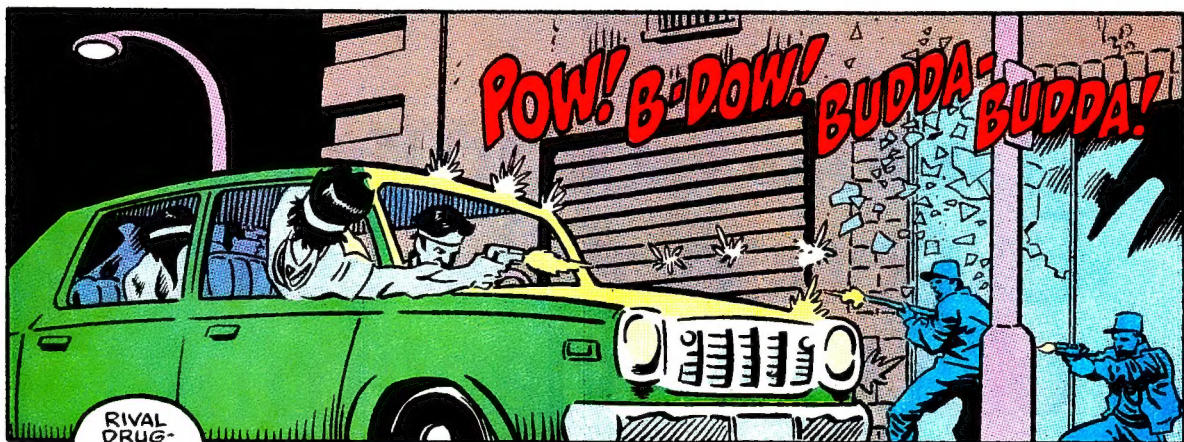
... AND STILL HE'S FIGHTING ON THE SIDE OF RIGHT, AS A POLICE OFFICER, OF COURSE, I WANT HIM STOPPED, AS A CITIZEN...

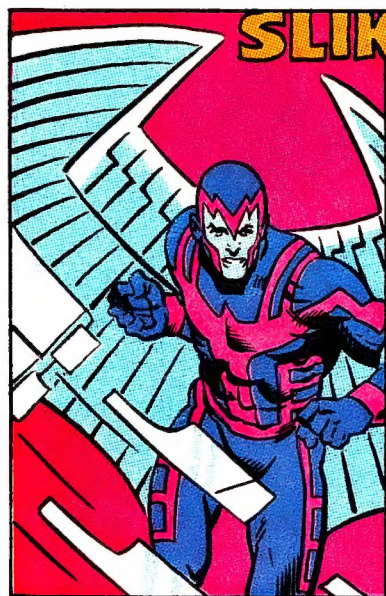
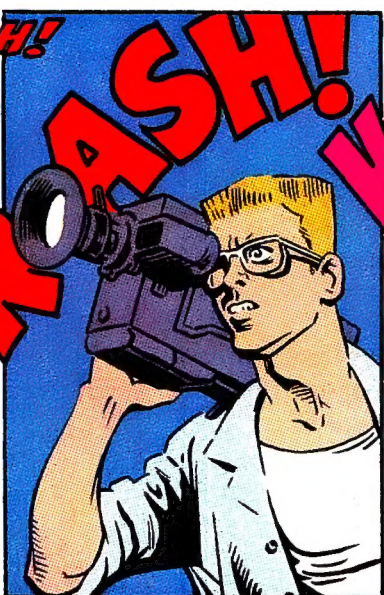
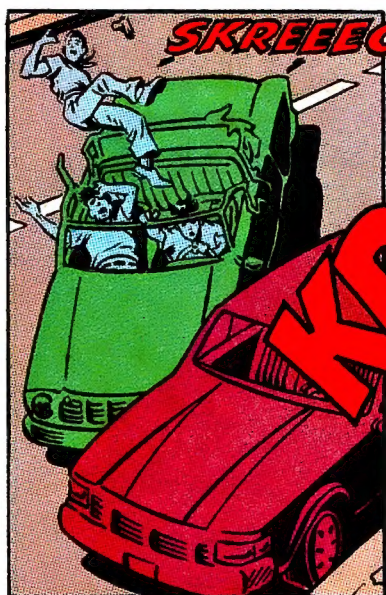
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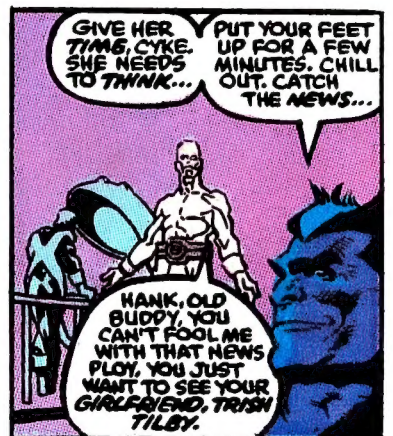
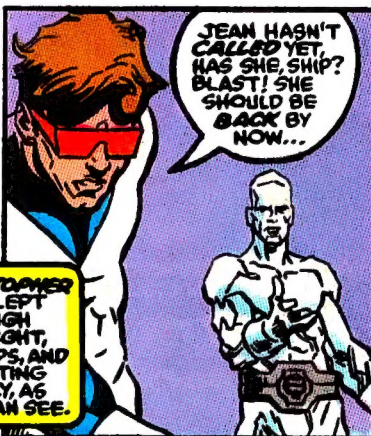
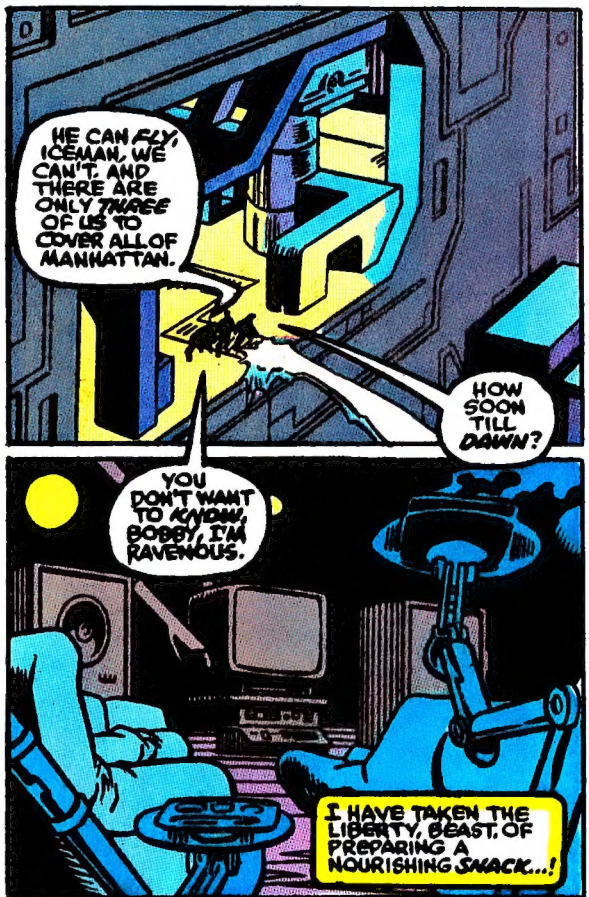
GUNFIRE!



COME ON, GUYS... MAYBE WE'LL GET SOME WORK DONE TONIGHT AFTER ALL.







"...AS THE **MUTANT** KNOWN AS THE **ARCHANGEL** ROARED INTO THE MIDST OF AN AMBUSH STAGED BY RIVAL GANG MEMBERS...

"...EVADING BULLETS FROM **ASSAULT WEAPONS**, AS HE **SHEARED** THE ROOF FROM A **DRUG-LIEUTENANT'S CAR**.

"BY THE TIME HIS **VIGILANTE ACTION** WAS ENDED, THE **AUTO-MOBILE** HAD BEEN DESTROYED AND **PROPERTY DAMAGE** WAS ESTIMATED AT OVER TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

"**GANG MEMBERS** HAVE BEEN **HOSPITALIZED**, PENDING ARRAIGNMENT ON **DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGES**.

"AND AMID GROWING CONCERN FOR **PUBLIC SAFETY**, THE HUNT FOR THE **WINGED VIGILANTE** CONTINUES..."

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THAT WASN'T REPORTING! IT WAS **SENSATIONALISM**...**YELLOW JOURNALISM**...AT ITS MOST **BLATANT**!

WHAT THE HECK IS **TRISH** DOING? SHE **KNOWS** **ARCHANGEL'S** BEEN **DRUGGED**, THAT HE'S NOT **HIMSELF**!

SHE'S MAKING HIM LOOK LIKE A **HOMICIDAL MANIAC**!

TRISH ISN'T MAKING HIM LOOK LIKE ANYTHING, BEAST. SHE JUST TAPED... AND REPORTED... WHAT WAS THERE.

THAT'S WHY WE'RE LOOKING FOR WARREN, TOO, REMEMBER...?

HE'S BEEN IN THE NEWS FOR SEVERAL DAYS, NOW. NOT AS SENSATIONALLY AS THIS, I GRANT YOU, BUT...

Y'KNOW, JEAN MUST HAVE HEARD THAT REPORT! SHE WOULD HAVE COME RUSHING BACK TO HELP.

YOU THINK SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HER, TOO? WHERE CAN SHE BE THAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW...?

KNOCK-KNOCK-KNOCK

THAT QUESTION, GENTLEMEN, IS ABOUT TO BE ANSWERED!

ONE MOMENT, **MARVEL GIRL**. I SHALL OPEN THE WINDOW SO THAT YOU MAY ENTER.

SCOTT, WHAT... WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY IS EVERYONE STILL AWAKE?

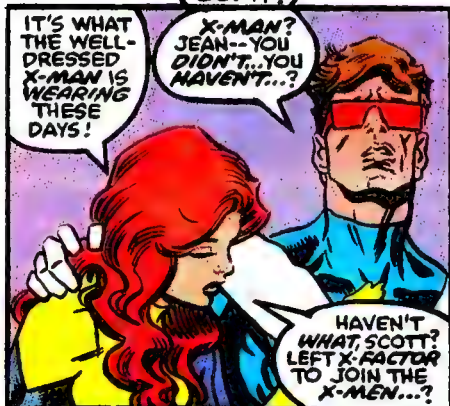
JEAN! WE WERE WORRIED. WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL?

WELL, LOOK AT THAT! HAVEN'T I SEEN A LESS DARING VERSION OF THAT OUTFIT SOMEWHERE BEFORE...?



IT'S A "TAKE" ON OUR ORIGINAL COSTUME, ISN'T IT, JEAN? BACK WHEN WE FIRST BECAME X-MEN!

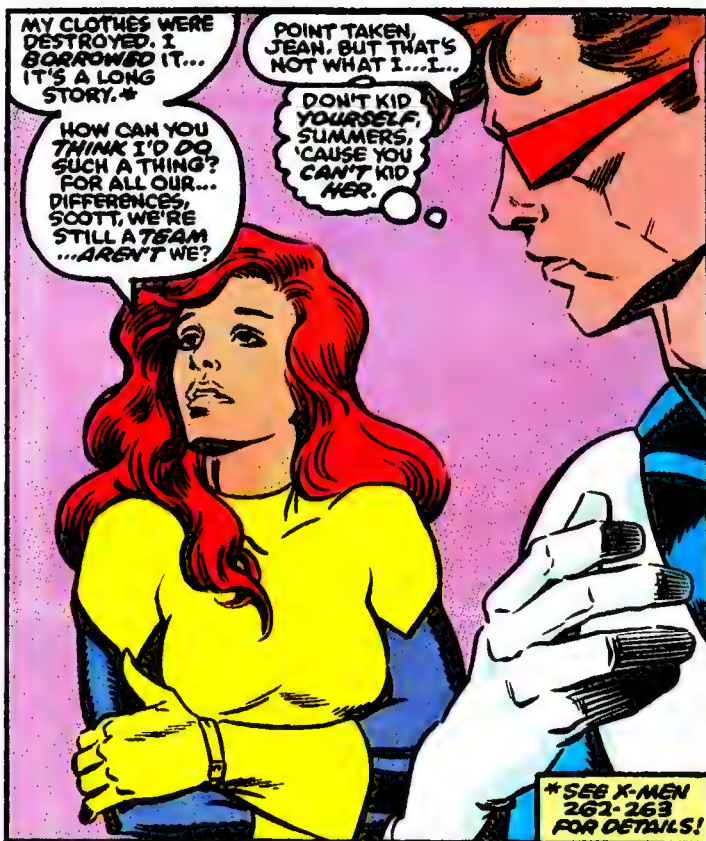
WHERE DID YOU GET IT?



IT'S WHAT THE WELL-DRESSED X-MAN IS WEARING THESE DAYS!

X-MAN? JEAN--YOU DIDN'T...YOU HAVEN'T...?

HAVEN'T WHAT SCOTT? LEFT X-FACTOR TO JOIN THE X-MEN...?



MY CLOTHES WERE DESTROYED. I BORROWED IT... IT'S A LONG STORY.*

HOW CAN YOU THINK I'D DO SUCH A THING? FOR ALL OUR... DIFFERENCES, SCOTT, WE'RE STILL A TEAM...AREN'T WE?

POINT TAKEN, JEAN. BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I...I...

DON'T KID YOURSELF, SUMMERS. 'CAUSE YOU CAN'T KID HER.

*SEE X-MEN 262-263 FOR DETAILS!

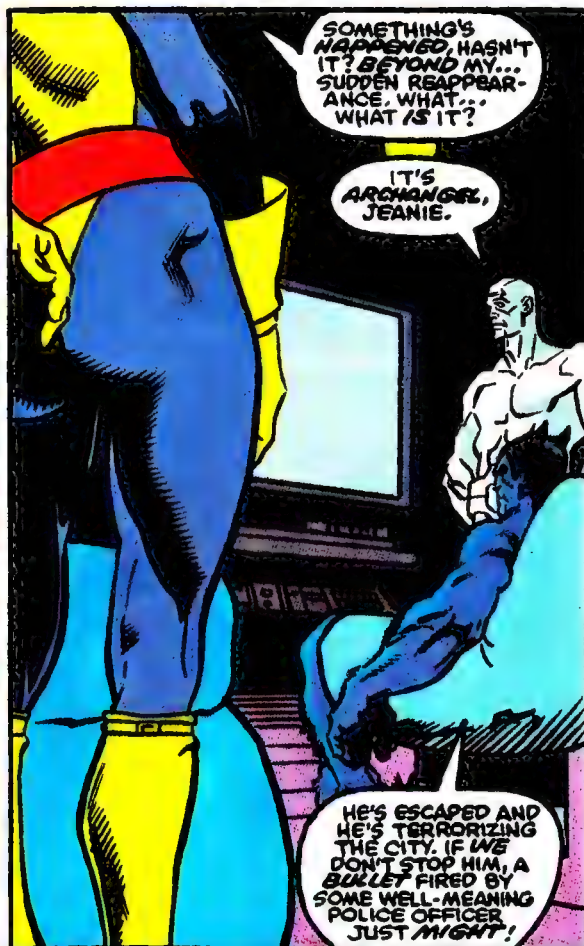


HER TELEPATHIC POWERS MAY BE LOST, BUT JEAN KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT I MEANT.

I HAVE TO BACK OFF, AND GIVE HER TIME TO DECIDE WHO SHE REALLY IS AND WHAT SHE REALLY WANTS.

THIS... ESTRANGEMENT CAN'T BE ANY EASIER FOR HER THAN IT IS FOR ME! AND IF I PUSH HER TOO HARD, I COULD LOSE HER.

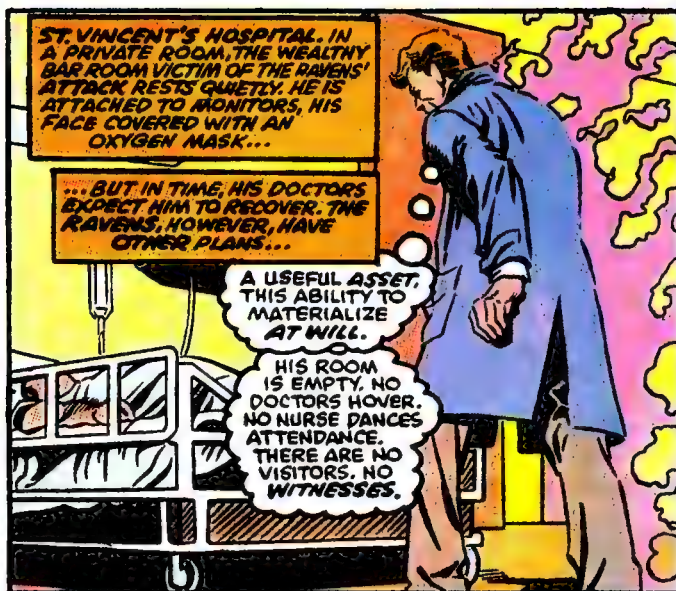
THERE'S SOMETHING IN SCOTT'S VOICE... IN THE WAY THEY ALL LOOK. I WAS SO CAUGHT UP IN MY OWN PROBLEMS, AT FIRST I DIDN'T NOTICE.



SOMETHING'S HAPPENED, HASN'T IT? BEYOND MY... SUDDEN REAPPEARANCE. WHAT... WHAT IS IT?

IT'S ARCHANGEL, JEANIE.

HE'S ESCAPED AND HE'S TERRORIZING THE CITY. IF WE DON'T STOP HIM, A BULLET FIRED BY SOME WELL-MEANING POLICE OFFICER JUST MIGHT!



ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL. IN A PRIVATE ROOM, THE WEALTHY BAR ROOM VICTIM OF THE RAVENS' ATTACK RESTS QUIETLY. HE IS ATTACHED TO MONITORS, HIS FACE COVERED WITH AN OXYGEN MASK...

... BUT IN TIME, HIS DOCTORS EXPECT HIM TO RECOVER. THE RAVENS, HOWEVER, HAVE OTHER PLANS...

A USEFUL ASSET. THIS ABILITY TO MATERIALIZE AT WILL.

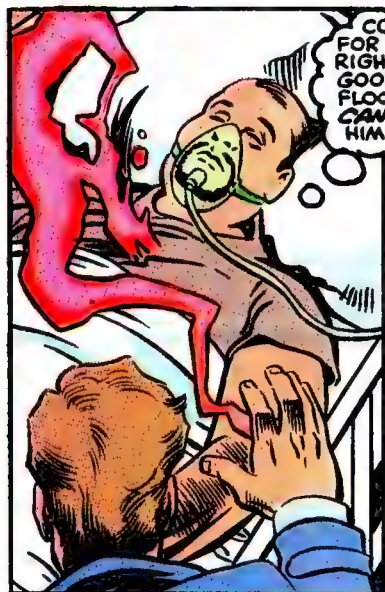
HIS ROOM IS EMPTY. NO DOCTORS HOVER. NO NURSE DANCES ATTENDANCE. THERE ARE NO VISITORS. NO WITNESSES.



WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THIS PLUMP LITTLE NOBODY WOULD HAVE THE SIGHT...?

THAT HE OF ALL PEOPLE, COULD SEE US FOR WHAT WE ARE? COULD KNOW WHAT WE DO.

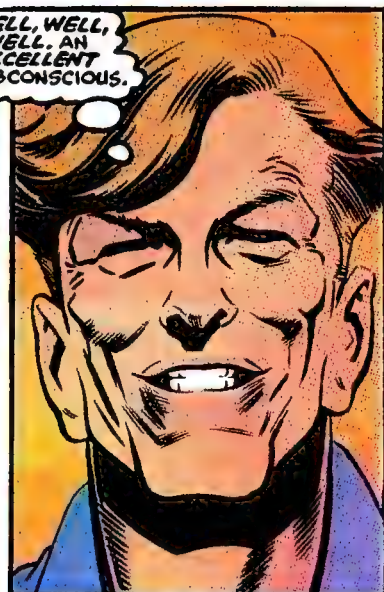
SUCH A CHEAP, PETTY, DULL LITTLE MAN. NOT MY TYPE, AT ALL.



CORAL, FOR ONCE, IS RIGHT. FOR THE GOOD OF THE FLOCK, WE CAN'T LET HIM LIVE!



WELL, WELL, WELL. AN EXCELLENT SUBCONSCIOUS.



SORROW. ANGER. AGONY. GUILT! BURIED DEEP WITHIN HIS SOUL. AND REGRETS APLENTY.

IT WILL BE A PLEASURE TO KILL HIM, AFTER ALL. TO DIE, WITH HIM, THE LITTLE DEATH...

NNNNN...



NO! WHAT ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ME?

NO!!!



OH...THIS IS TOO DELICIOUS! UNEXPECTED DEPTHS OF AGONY... AND HE'S AWAKE...

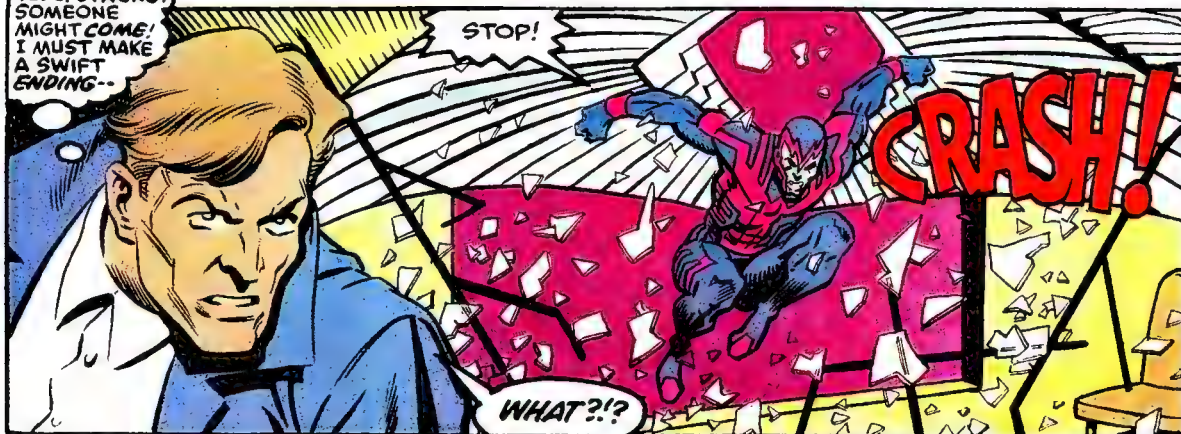
HE KNOWS!!

THIS IS A TREAT THAT WILL FORTIFY ME...STRENGTHEN ME BEYOND ANYTHING I COULD HAVE PLANNED!

I'LL TELL THE OTHERS. THEY'LL BE JEALOUS. EVEN CRIMSON. ESPECIALLY CRIMSON.

HELP ME! SOMEBODY... HELP ME...!

HIS CRY IS UNEXPECTEDLY STRONG. SOMEONE MIGHT COME! I MUST MAKE A SWIFT ENDING...



STOP!

CRASH!!

WHAT?!?



IT'S CRIMSON'S ARCHANGEL! THE WINGED AVENGER TO THE RESCUE.

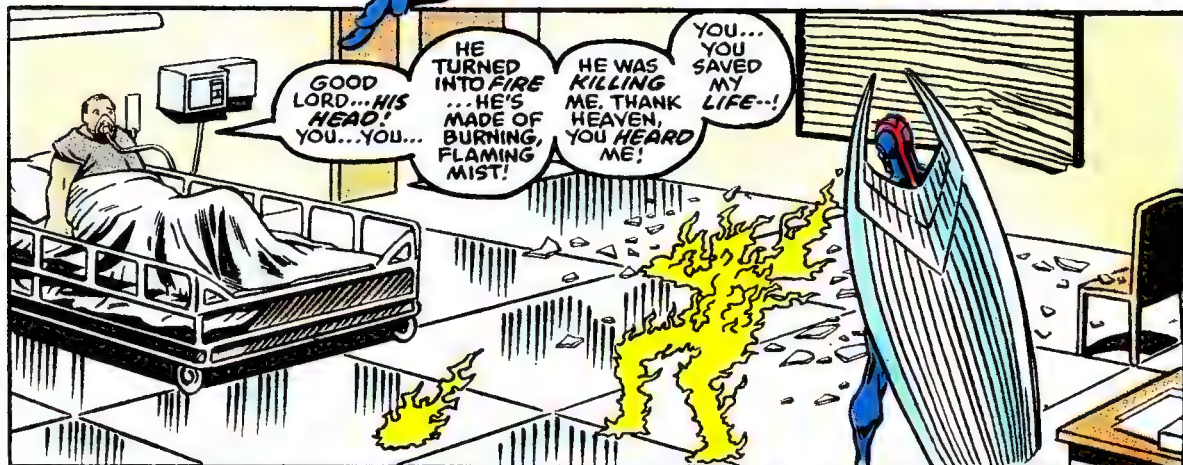
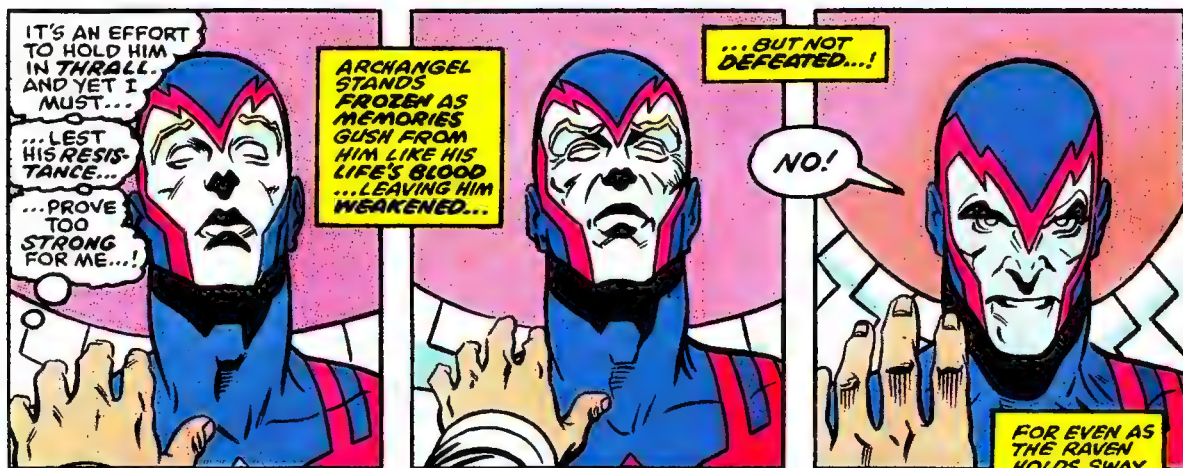
YES, I CAN FEEL HIS ATTRACTION. HE'S ALMOST LIKE ONE OF US... DARK... WITH WINGS OF FIRE.

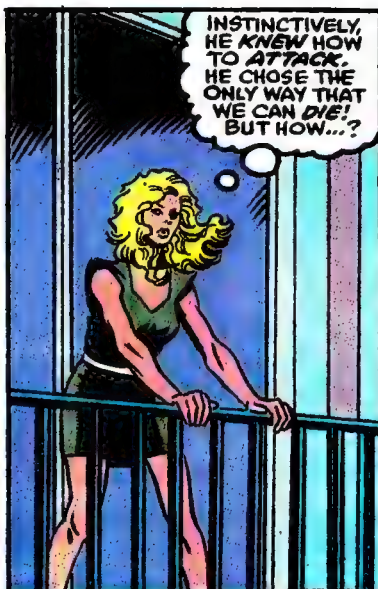
HE GLOWS WITH POWER. BUT HE IS NO MATCH FOR MY MINDWILL!



CRIMSON WAS A FOOL TO CHALLENGE ME CONCERNING HIM. FOR, I SHALL BE THE ONE WHO WILL DEVOUR HIM...

...WHO WILL TAKE WHAT MISERY HE POSSESSES... AND ADD HIS POWER TO MY OWN!







MEANWHILE, A FRANTIC CALL FROM THE HOSPITAL SENDS X-FACTOR RACING INTO THE PRE-DAWN SKY, BUT FOR THE BEAST, THERE IS A LARGER PROBLEM...

TRISH COULD HAVE SAID ARCHANGEL WAS DRUGGED... PLAYED HIM AS A VICTIM... BUT NO!

FORGET IT, HANK-- EVERYBODY KNOWS HE'S BEEN DRUGGED

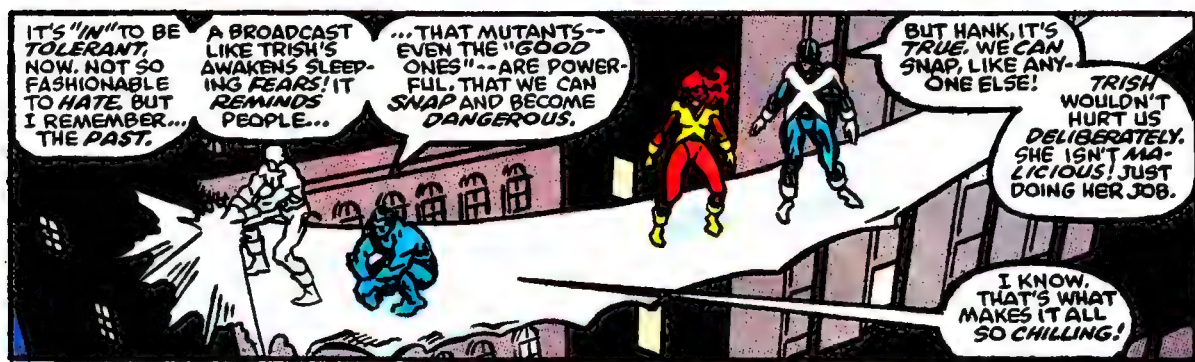
DO THEY? WOULD IT REALLY MATTER?

STUDIES SHOW THAT PEOPLE REACT TO WHAT THEY'VE SEEN, LONG AFTER THEY'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT THEY'VE HEARD.

AND WHAT PEOPLE SAW -- WHAT TRISH SHOWED THEM -- WAS A MUTANT MANIAC ATTACKING A BAND OF HUMANS.

BUT, HANK, TRISH IS A REPORTER... YOU CAN'T EXPECT HER TO CENSOR...

CENSOR...? NO, JEAN BUT HEAR ME OUT!



IT'S "IN" TO BE TOLERANT, NOW, NOT SO FASHIONABLE TO HATE, BUT I REMEMBER... THE PAST.

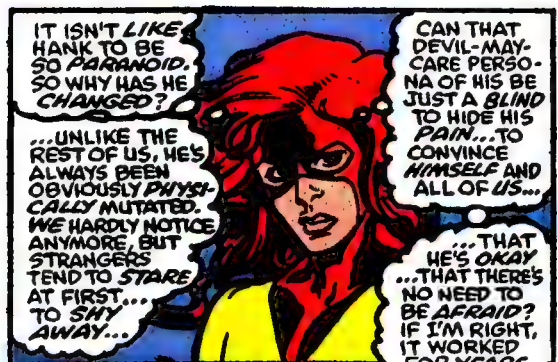
A BROADCAST LIKE TRISH'S AWAKENS SLEEPING FEARS! IT REMINDS PEOPLE...

...THAT MUTANTS-- EVEN THE "GOOD ONES"-- ARE POWERFUL. THAT WE CAN SNAP AND BECOME DANGEROUS.

BUT HANK, IT'S TRUE. WE CAN SNAP, LIKE ANYONE ELSE!

TRISH WOULDN'T HURT US DELIBERATELY. SHE ISN'T MAELICIOUS! JUST DOING HER JOB.

I KNOW. THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT ALL SO CHILLING!



IT ISN'T LIKE HANK TO BE SO PARANOID. SO WHY HAS HE CHANGED?

...UNLIKE THE REST OF US, HE'S ALWAYS BEEN OBVIOUSLY PHYSICALLY MUTATED. WE HARDLY NOTICE ANYMORE, BUT STRANGERS TEND TO STARE AT FIRST... TO SHY AWAY...

CAN THAT DEVIL-MAY-CARE PERSONA OF HIS BE JUST A BLIND TO HIDE HIS PAIN... TO CONVINCE HIMSELF AND ALL OF US...

...THAT HE'S OKAY... THAT THERE'S NO NEED TO BE AFRAID? IF I'M RIGHT, IT WORKED FOR YEARS. SO WHAT'S DIFFERENT NOW?



WHY HAS THE FACADE BEGUN TO CRUMBLE...?

THERE'S THE HOSPITAL, STRAIGHT AHEAD.

CHEER UP, HANK. WE'VE SURVIVED NEGATIVE PUBLICITY BEFORE.



AND THERE'S NO PREDICTING PUBLIC REACTION. ARCH-ANGEL IS MAKING A MAJOR DENT IN THE CRIMINAL POPULATION AND PEOPLE KNOW IT.

FOR ALL HIS... MADNESS... HE MAY BE PERCEIVED AS DOING MORE REAL GOOD FOR SOCIETY THAN ALL OF US PUT TOGETHER!

MANHATTAN'S BENCHES PROVIDE COLD COMFORT FOR THE HOMELESS, BUT AT LEAST THEY'RE OFF THE SIDEWALK, AND ARE BETTER THAN NO BED AT ALL...

SHE'S BACK. SNORIN' LIKE A BUZZ-SAW. SHE'S BEEN ~~WARRIN'~~ THIS IS OUR BENCH. SHE'S INTERFERIN' WITH OUR MARKETIN' SCHEDULE!

NOT FOR
LONG. THIS
TIME WE
BROUGHT
GASOLINE...

NOT
THAT THE
SMELLY
OLD WITCH
IS WAKIN'
UP...!

SPLASH!

**SHE'LL WAKE
UP, ALL RIGHT...
'FORE THIS PUTS
HER OUT
FOREVER!**

**THE MATCH
FLARES...
A SINGLE,
DEADLY,
FLICKERING
FLAME...**

...THEN
SUDDENLY
THE FLAME
IS GONE...!

WHA--! MY
MATCH...
BLEW OUT!
WHERE'S THAT
WIND COMIN'
FROM?

ARCHANGEL!

**MAD DOGS,
PREYING ON
THE WEAK AND
HELPLESS.**

THERE ARE
THOSE WHO ARE
STRONGER... FIERCER..
MADDER THAN YOU
WILL EVER BE!

TOK!

TOK! TOK!

TOK!



TOK!

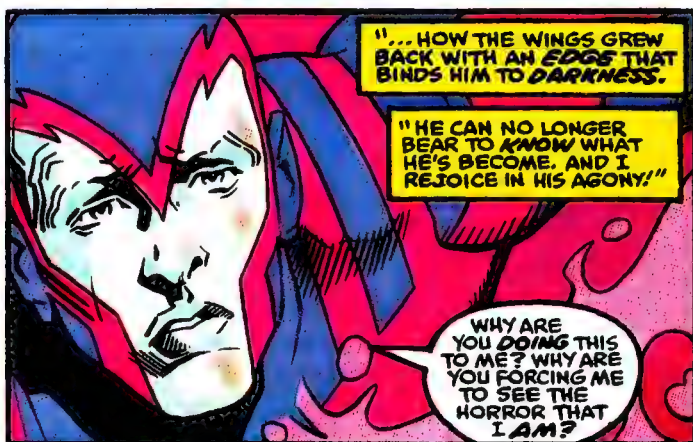
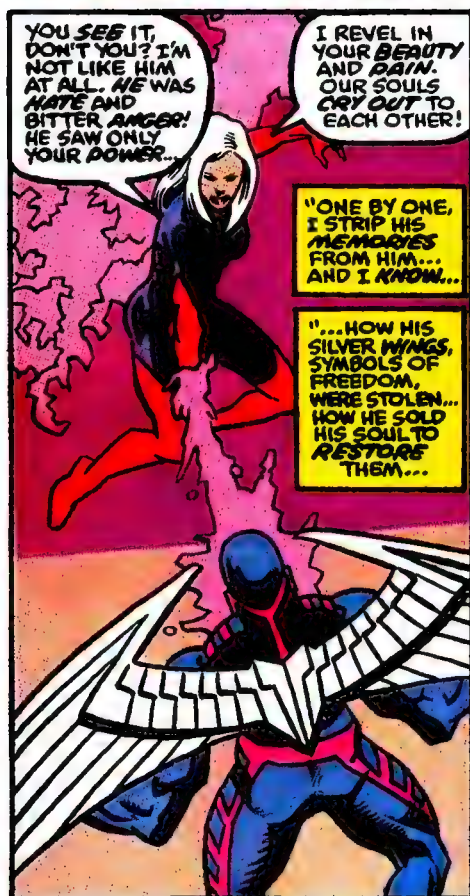
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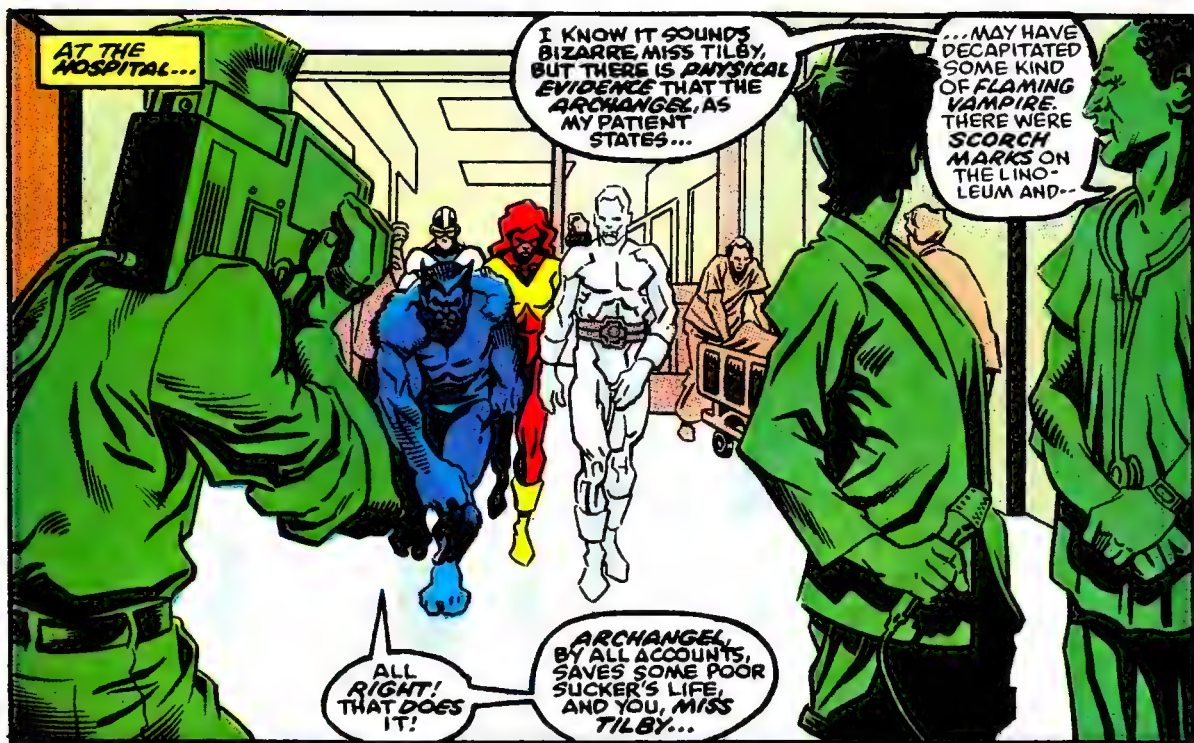
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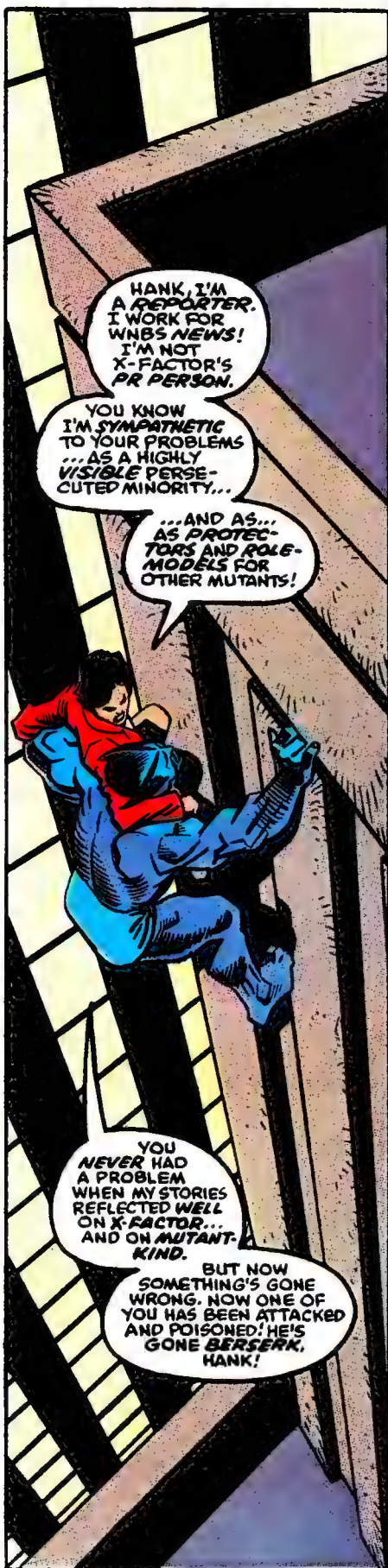
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TOK!

**AAARGH!
THE WING
BLADES!**







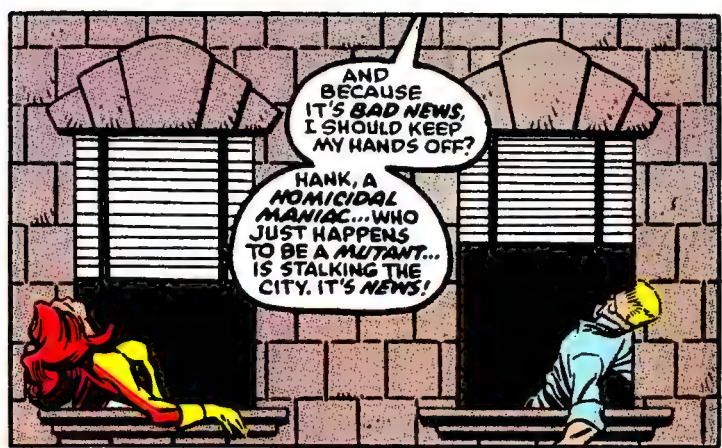
HANK, I'M A REPORTER. I WORK FOR WNBS NEWS! I'M NOT X-FACTOR'S PR PERSON.

YOU KNOW I'M SYMPATHETIC TO YOUR PROBLEMS... AS A HIGHLY VISIBLE PERSECUTED MINORITY...

...AND AS... AS PROTECTORS AND ROLE-MODELS FOR OTHER MUTANTS!

YOU NEVER HAD A PROBLEM WHEN MY STORIES REFLECTED WELL ON X-FACTOR... AND ON MUTANT-KIND.

BUT NOW SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG. NOW ONE OF YOU HAS BEEN ATTACKED AND POISONED! HE'S GONE BERSERK, HANK!



AND BECAUSE IT'S BAD NEWS, I SHOULD KEEP MY HANDS OFF?

HANK, A HOMICIDAL MANIAC... WHO JUST HAPPENS TO BE A MUTANT... IS STALKING THE CITY. IT'S NEWS!



JUST AS IF IT WOULD BE NEWS IF A HOMICIDAL NON-MUTANT WERE TO DO THE SAME.

YOU'RE DELIBERATELY PLAYING UP THE MANIAC ANGLE...

YOU WANT ME TO TRY AND TELL PEOPLE HE'S *SANE*? HANK, I KNOW WARREN'S YOUR FRIEND BUT THE WAY HE'S ACTING...

HE HASN'T HURT ANYBODY WHO WASN'T ASKING FOR IT. DRUG DEALERS. THUGS. MURDERERS...



AND THAT MAKES HIS VIGILANTISM RIGHT--? PLEASE!!

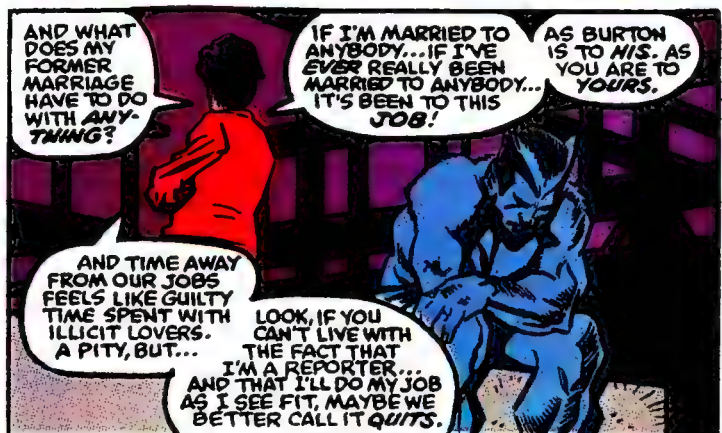
IT'S BURTON, ISN'T IT? HE'S DRIVING YOU TO ATTACK ARCHANGEL?

BURTON--? IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK THIS IS, HANK? SOME KIND OF VENDETTA?



YOU WERE MARRIED TO THE GUY ONCE... AND HE'S THE HIGH MUCKAMUCK BEHIND YOUR NETWORK.

HE KNOWS WE'RE INVOLVED.



AND WHAT DOES MY FORMER MARRIAGE HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?

IF I'M MARRIED TO ANYBODY... IF I'VE EVER REALLY BEEN MARRIED TO ANYBODY... IT'S BEEN TO THIS JOB!

AS BURTON IS TO HIS. AS YOU ARE TO YOURS.

AND TIME AWAY FROM OUR JOBS FEELS LIKE GUILTY TIME SPENT WITH ILLICIT LOVERS. A PITY, BUT...

LOOK, IF YOU CAN'T LIVE WITH THE FACT THAT I'M A REPORTER... AND THAT I'LL DO MY JOB AS I SEE FIT, MAYBE WE BETTER CALL IT QUITS.

STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Something surprised me the other day! You'll probably find that hard to believe because you know it takes a lot to surprise a card-carrying Bullpener. But it really happened, and I thought you'd be interested, mainly because the same thing has probably happened to you, too!

There I was in a comic book store, poking through the new issues and feeling as ginchy as a little kid let loose in a toy factory. Then I heard a couple of fans arguing. One asked the other, "How come you've turned into a Marvel Zombie? What's the big deal with their books? To me, all comics are pretty much alike!" The hapless Marvelite tried to explain his preference for our merry little mags but his irate inquisitor kept shouting him down and wouldn't listen.

Well, Marvels are my favorites, too. (Big surprise!) But I never tried to articulate what I really like about them. So, I thought I'd jot my own reasons down on paper and let you see if they agree with yours.

To me, Marvel is more than a group of magazines. It's a cornucopia of fantasy, a wild idea, a swashbuckling attitude, an escape from the humdrum and the prosaic. It's a serendipitous feast for the mind, the eye, and the imagination! It has a spirit you can almost feel, a sense that every Marvelite is an equal among equals as we share the fun and the foibles together. Finally, it's a gleaming tribute to our love of satire and excitement, a literate celebration of unbridled creativity, coupled with a touch of rebellion and an insolent desire to spit in the eye of the dragon!

Or, to put it another way, if there were no Marvel, we'd have to invent it! Hey, come to think of it—we did!

Okay, that's my opinion. What's yours? A turbo drive No-Prize for the most interesting version!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! First Chris Claremont did it, then John Byrne, then Peter David, and Sid Jacobson. Now the latest Marvel writer to try his hand at scripting a novel is Jim Starlin (of SILVER SURFER fame). In collaboration with his wife, Daina Graziunas, Jim has produced a spine-tingling tale of suspense called *Among Madmen*. The premise of the book is this: what would you do if everyone you knew suddenly went insane? Jim has produced fifty new illustrations for the book, which is being published by New American Library as part of their new Roc-Line of science-fiction novels. The book will be out in August, and Jim and Daina promise more novels are on the way. So keep an eye out for them!

ITEM! Speaking of novels, one of the prose books by the aforementioned Peter David (of INCREDIBLE HULK fame) recently spent some time on the NEW YORK TIMES bestseller list. The book was Peter's Star Trek: The Next Generation novel, *Rock and a Hard Place*. The ever-prolific Peter has written several novels in the past, including KNIGHT LIFE and HOWLING MAD, and promises more in the future. We wish Peter the best of luck in all his future writing endeavors. Now Peter, where's that next HULK plot you promised . . . ?

ITEM! This year, millions of Americans watched the San Francisco 49ers win the Super Bowl. But what you may not know is that the 49ers have a super hero on their team! That's right, the 49ers tight end Jamie Williams is a huge Marvel fan, and actually fancies himself as Spider-Man. Before a game, Jamie psyches himself up by imagining that he's Spider-Man, and that the other members of the 49ers are super heroes as well. Jamie says that in a really competitive game, he becomes Conan the Barbarian. With such stalwarts as Spidey and Conan on their team, it's no wonder the 49ers won the Super Bowl!

ITEM! Hope you caught Stan Lee's recent appearance on the syndicated ENTERTAINMENT THIS WEEK over the weekend of March 31. Stan talked all about Marvel's upcoming movie and TV projects, and his comics plans for the future. The ENTERTAINMENT THIS WEEK crew also stopped off at the Marvel offices for a brief look to see how we were getting along without Stan here on a day-to-day basis. Their conclusion? Even though we may not see Stan every day, since he lives out in L.A., we still work with his many creations every day, and his presence is very much a part of Marvel today.

ITEM! In other TV news, our very own Gerry Conway, of WEB OF SPIDER-MAN and SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN, recently sold his first script to TV. It was an episode of ABC's FATHER DOWLING MYSTERIES starring Tom Bosley, and it aired on March 15. Gerry is now an active member of the FATHER DOWLING family, with several more scripts on the way. Regrettably, Gerry's new career meant he had to change his plans to take over the writing of the PUNISHER comic. But don't worry—Gerry hasn't gone totally Hollywood on us. He'll still be scripting his two Spidey books a month, so you can look forward to having the Conway touch on Peter Parker's books for the foreseeable future. Now, Gerry, what's this we hear about Father Dowling getting the Captain Universe powers?

ITEM! By now every True Believer knows that the CAPTAIN AMERICA Movie is scheduled for release in August, and the long-delayed PUNISHER Movie should be finally coming out sometime before then. Who would have thought Mighty Marvel would have two major motion pictures featuring our characters out in the same year? Not us, that's for sure!

ITEM! Books, sports, movies, TV, and . . . oh yes, comics! Who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Multi-Media Madness?

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☐ SHE-HULK #18

☐ EXCALIBUR #25

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☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL #24

☐ ROBOCOP 2 #1—The adaptation of the hit movie, available in three different formats!

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☐ MARSHAL LAW Trade Paperback

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☐ MUTANT SUMMER FUN SPECIAL #1—80 pages of fun!

☐ DEATHLOK Limited Series #2

☐ SPIDER-MAN VERSUS WOLVERINE

☐ LIFE OF GROO Graphic Novel

☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #337

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☐ THE NEW WARRIORS #2

☐ SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #167

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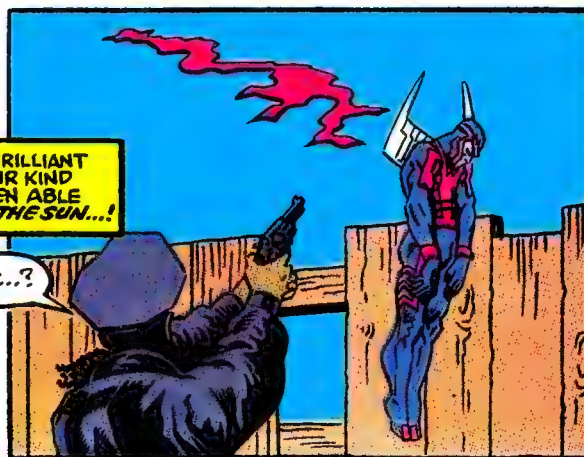
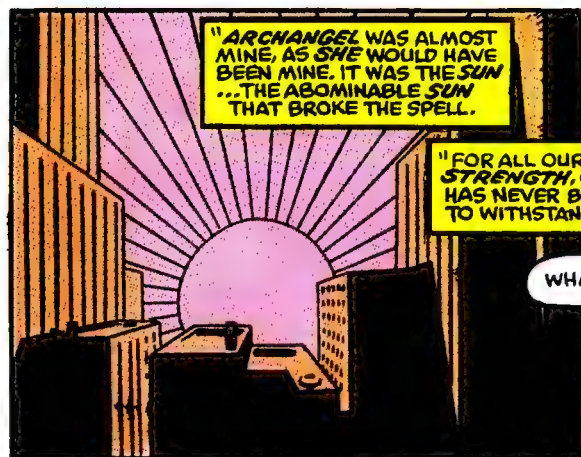
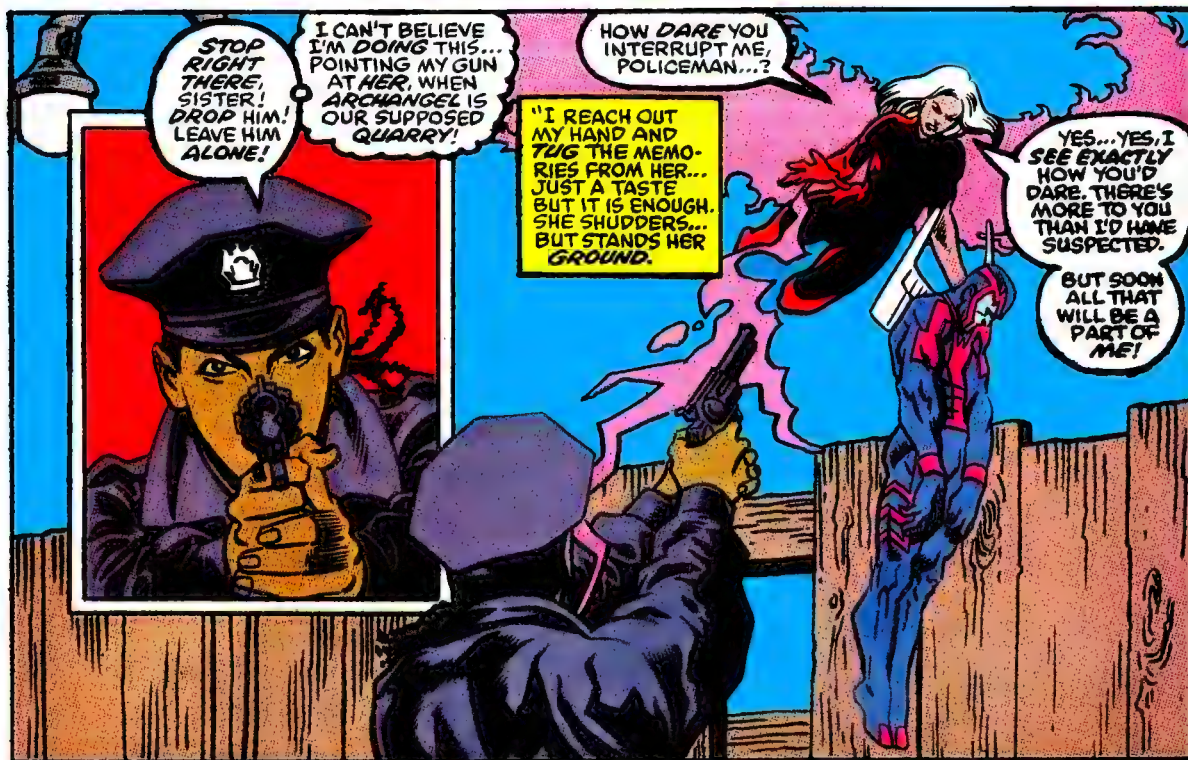
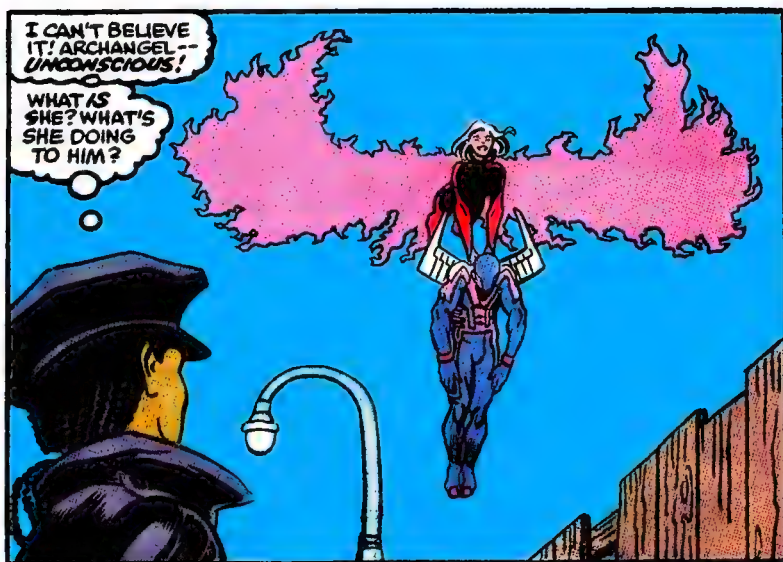
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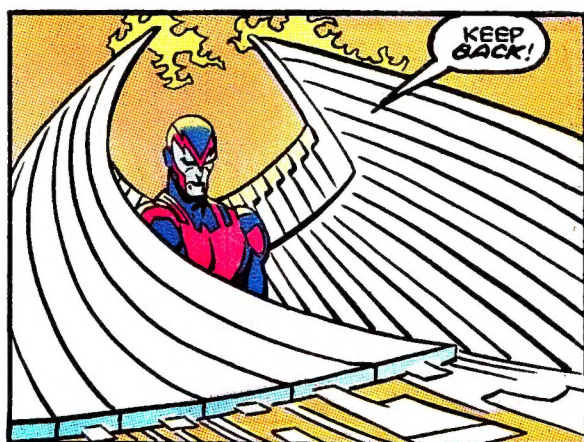
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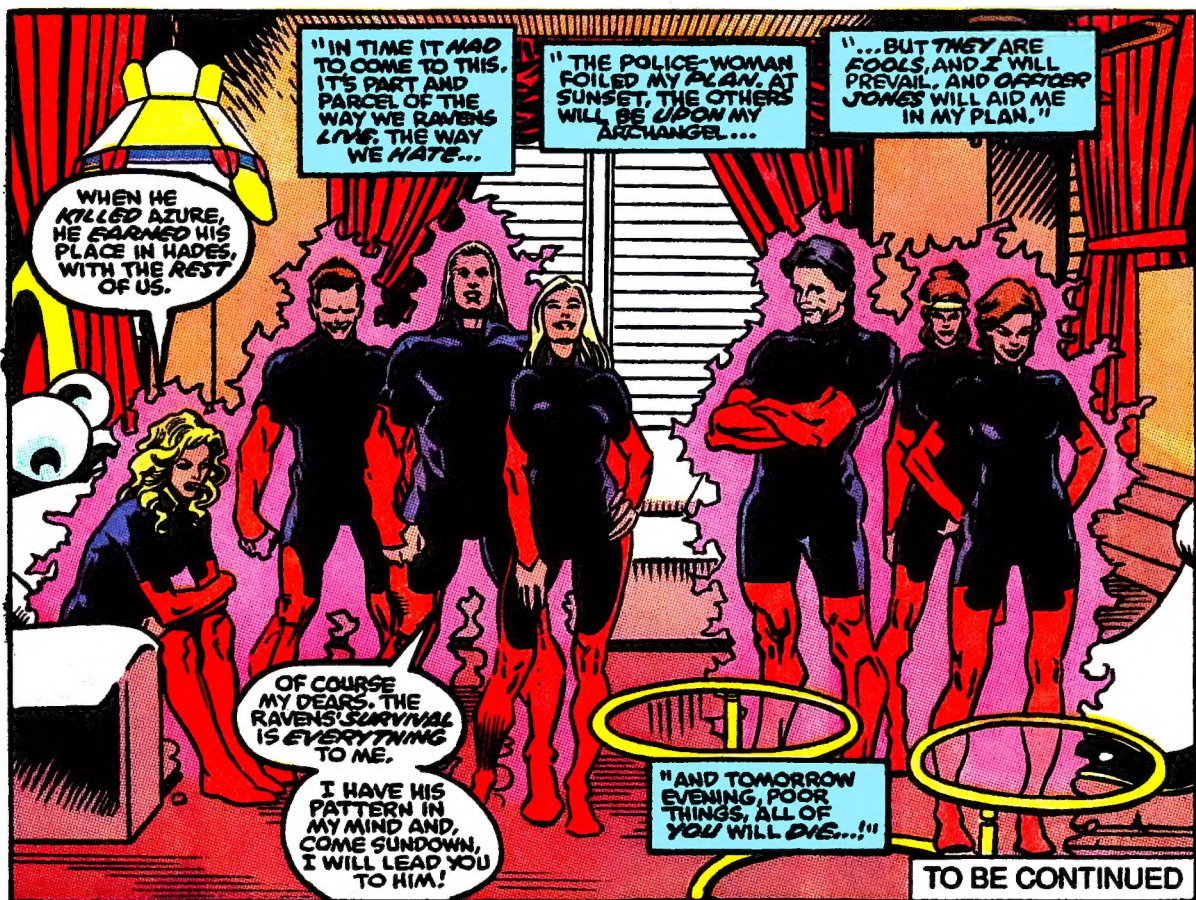
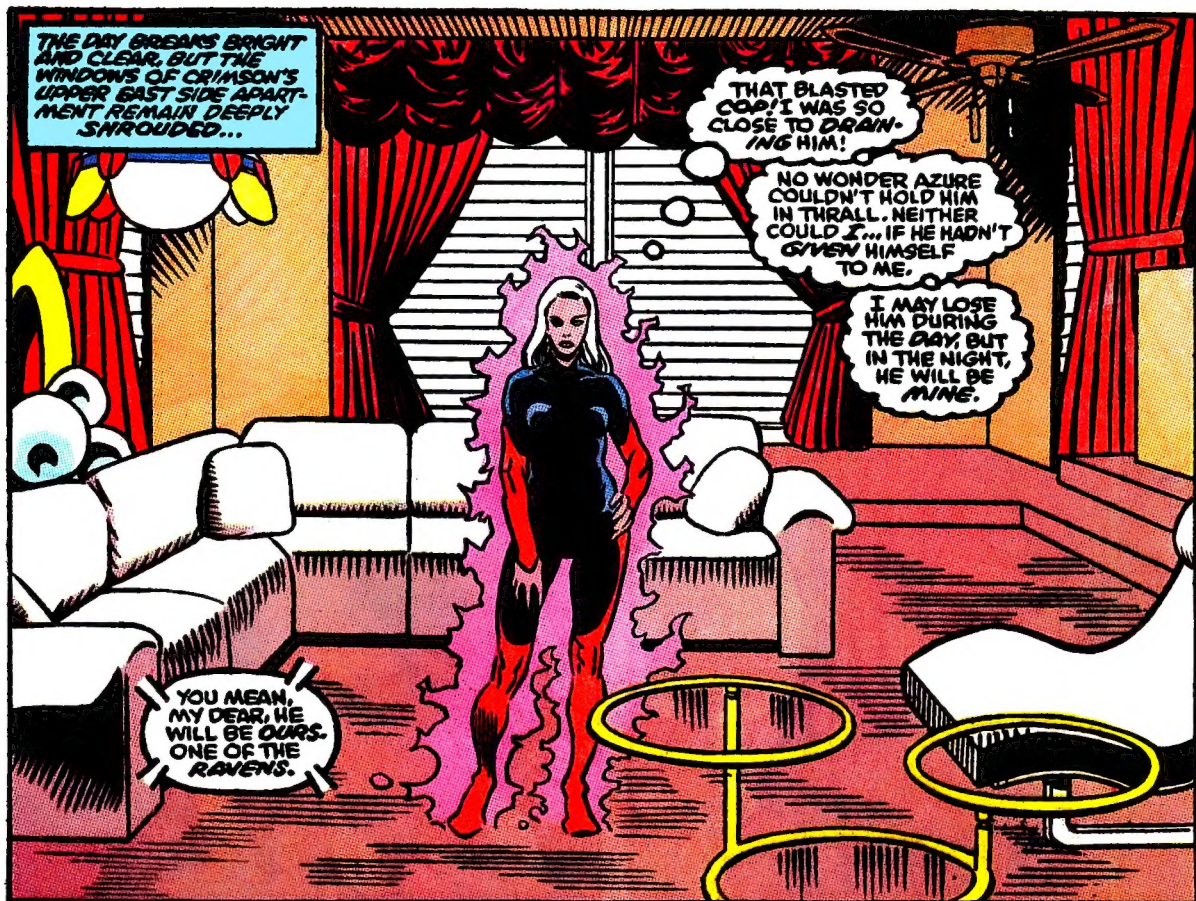
☐ THE DESTROYER #11

☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA—

Two-volume hardcover set reprinting Cap's 1940's adventures by Joe Simon and Jack Kirby!









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Attention correspondents: If you don't want your full address printed, please be sure to tell us so!

Dear Mutants,

X-FACTOR #50 was great, absolutely great! The story was excellently written. The art was superb. The cover was flawless. I even enjoyed the second story involving Loki and Apocalypse.

Did Jean really drive off the Celestials? I know she didn't do it alone, but she played a big part. Even if she had the full power of the Phoenix, could she have actually defeated a Celestial? We're talking about a race of beings that once beat the Norse Gods!! I'm not sure even Phoenix could pull that one off!

I can't wait to see how you top this one. Two thumbs up!

Joe Christiano
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Wow! We got two thumbs up from one critic! Is that allowed? We'd better check the critics' handbook on that one!

As for your other point, no, Joe, Jean could not have defeated a Celestial by herself, even with the Phoenix power. As has been proven in the past, the Celestials are just too powerful. As noted below by letter-writer Brian Kubik, Jean had to combine her power with the Rejects, the Chosen, and the Beginagains in order to defeat the Celestials. No one entity is powerful enough to face the Celestials alone. (And we have a feeling that the cosmic giants wanted to be defeated...)

Dear X-Changes,

When I finished reading X-FACTOR #50, I just had to write and tell you what a wonderful job you did. It was a very good way to end the Judgment War storyline.

I especially liked the way Jean used the power of the Phoenix combined with the power of the Chosen, the Rejects, and the Beginagains to destroy Arishem.

Generally, when a mixed-up storyline like this one starts, I call it a mess. But this one was a very good mess. I can see another storyline coming with the actions of Apocalypse and Caliban.

Oh, and one more thing before I say goodbye—great job on the cover.

Brian Kubik
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"A very good mess"? That's got to be the most backhanded compliment we've yet received on this book! Thanks, Brian... we think!

(And plans are afoot for Apocalypse... and wedding bells, as well. Did we say that!?)

Dear X-Factor,

Being that MOON KNIGHT is my favorite book, I never really enjoyed any of the

mutant books that much. I'd rather read a story about a person who wasn't all that powerful and wasn't born with his powers.

I recently picked up a copy of X-FACTOR #50, being that I knew most of the characters from the DEFENDERS, or from seeing them in other books. Wow! Was I surprised! These mutants aren't that bad after all.

Issue #51 was great, too, and I can't wait for issue #52. Archangel is probably my favorite character. I knew the original Angel, but I didn't know that Apocalypse transformed him. So here's my vote for an Archangel Limited series. If you do it, I promise to buy more mutie books.

Please, guys, I bet some of the long-time X-FACTOR fans would like to see it, too. Well, thanks for introducing X-FACTOR to me, anyway. Keep up the good work.

Wow, wouldn't it be weird to get my letter published in a mutie book! Oh well, until Moon Knight becomes Mutant Knight, Make Mine Marvel!!!

Peter Nytz
(Address withheld by request)

Welcome aboard, Peter! We're always glad to welcome a new mutant fan into our ranks. If you like X-FACTOR, maybe you should give some of our other mutant books a try, such as X-MEN, WOLVERINE, EXCALIBUR, and NEW MUTANTS.

Of course, keep buying MOON KNIGHT, too! His mag is great, even if Moonie isn't a mutant. (Or is he? Hmmm...)

Dear Marvel People,

I've been following X-FACTOR for three years now and X-FACTOR #50 was one of the best ones I picked up. I loved the cover and the script, so keep up the good work. There's a couple of things I'd like to say.

1. Please bring back Arthur Adams. I like his drawings, and so do my friends.

2. I think X-FACTOR should get a new teammate.

3. I like the idea of giving Warren his own comic. Until then, Make Mine Marvel!

Jacob Carter
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It seems Warren's popularity has greatly increased since he switched from being just plain Angel to the dark, grim, gritty Archangel! That's two votes for an Archangel solo book. Anyone else?

No plans to have Art Adams do any X-FACTOR work in the near future, but we've got him hard at work on this year's X-MEN Annual, guest-starring X-Factor (as well as the Fantastic Four and the New Mutants. We like to keep that boy busy!).

Finally, as for a new teammate—does Ship count?

X-Changes,

I enjoyed the Judgment War storyline. The

main reason was the information about Ship. He must have been on Earth a long time, since the Celestials haven't been here in a while.

Issue #50 was the best part of the storyline. The way everyone banded together to destroy Arishem's hand was superb. I was also happy that Jean's split personalities didn't last too long.

In the end, I was hoping that Lev would come to Earth with X-Factor. She could have made a good addition to the team. Will they be getting a new member any time soon? I'm waiting to see what happens to Ship next issue.

Until Iceman gets hot under the collar, make mine Marvel.

Marcus Williams
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No plans for Lev, Marcus. But Ship... well, Ship is going to be a part of a major storyline this Spring... Gee, isn't Spring a nice time for weddings?

Dear X-Changes,

I loved issue #50 and #51. It's nice to have the team back on Earth. Louise is doing a great job. By the way, is she in any way related to Walter Simonson?

Also, it's nice to see the public being supportive of a few mutants for a change in issue #51. Maybe the Ship will become a full-time New Mutants headquarters also? Just a thought.

Finally, I think an Archangel Limited Series would be great! So until Cyclops needs contact lenses, Make Mine Marvel!

Chris "the Moose" Posteraro
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That makes three votes for Archangel on one letters page! Bob, are you listening?

Oh, and Louise Simonson is, indeed, related to the multi-talented Walt Simonson, currently knocking 'em dead with his work on FANTASTIC FOUR. Louise is Walt's wife. (We love married couples. Hmmm... wouldn't it be nice to have a wedding?) And the New Mutants are happily ensconced at the X-Mansion. Check it out!



NEXT: The Ravens go after Archangel... while Forge and Banshee appear on the scene! In thirty days... and hey, have any of you guys ever been to a wedding?



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